

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

~~Claim 1.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] A child harness ~~that includes~~ comprising a child carrying pouch ~~(13) which is positioned on the~~ a front side of the harness[[:]] so as to be supported on ~~the~~ a chest side of ~~the~~ a wearer, and ~~that further includes~~ two strap loops ~~(10)~~ which pass separately around respective shoulders of the wearer, ~~wherein~~ the loops ~~(10) are being~~ mutually fastened by means of a fastener means ~~(11)~~ on ~~the~~ a rear side of the harness, ~~characterised in that~~ the strap ~~(14)~~ of each loop ~~(10)~~ has having a longitudinally extending thickened edge ~~(15)~~ on ~~the~~ mutually adjacent edges of the loops on the rear side of the harness[[:]], and ~~in that~~ the fastener means ~~(11)~~ has having along each of two opposite edges ~~(110)~~ an undercut groove ~~(112)~~ which slidingly receives a respective edge thickening of the adjacent strap loops[[:]] ~~therewith allowing to allow~~ the fastener means ~~(11)~~ to slide in a longitudinal direction along the straps of the loops ~~(10)~~.

~~Claim 2.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] A The child harness according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the grooved edges ~~(110)~~

of the fastener ~~means~~ are curved in ~~the~~ a plane of the fastener ~~means~~ ~~(11)~~ such as to provide mutually opposite curvatures, wherein ~~the~~ concave sides of the curved edges face away from each other, and wherein ~~the~~ longitudinally extending openings of the grooves face away from each other.

~~Claim 3.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] A The child harness according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the fastener ~~means~~ ~~(11)~~ is curved between its grooved edges ~~(110)~~ and has ~~it's~~ a concave side ~~facing towards~~ that faces toward the wearer so as not to clamp against the wearer's spine.

~~Claim 4.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] A The child harness according to Claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the strap loops ~~(10)~~ are connected together at ~~their~~ a lower parts part thereof on the front side of the harness.

~~Claim 5.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] A The child harness according to Claim 4, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein each strap loop carries a size adjusting element ~~(18)~~ on the rear side of the harness beneath the fastener ~~means~~ ~~(11)~~[[;]] and ~~in that~~ wherein a strap end ~~(18)~~ extends down forwardly from the size adjusting element ~~(19)~~.

~~Claim 6.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] A The child harness according to Claim 1, ~~characterised by~~ further comprising a waist belt ~~(40)~~ connected to ~~the~~ lower parts of the strap loops.

~~Claim 7.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] A The child harness according to Claim 6, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a back piece ~~(47)~~ connects the fastener ~~means (11)~~ to the waist belt ~~(40)~~ ~~such as~~ to limit ~~the~~ a distance of said ~~means (11)~~ fastener from the waist belt ~~(40)~~ in an upward direction.

~~Claim 8.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] A The child harness according to Claim 7, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the back piece includes a length portion of the waist belt and is connected to a respective end portion ~~(41)~~ of said belt ~~(40)~~ via an adjuster ~~(42)~~ for adjusting the loop size of the belt ~~(40)~~.

~~Claim 9.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] A The child harness according to Claim ~~±~~ 8, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the strap loops and the ends of the waist belt connect to respective mutually connectable coupling elements ~~(20)~~.

~~Claim 10.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] A The child harness according to Claim 9, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the coupling elements ~~(20)~~ ~~can be~~ are connected to each other indirectly via a ~~further~~

coupling element ~~(30)~~ ~~which carries~~ on a lower part of ~~a front~~
~~piece (13)~~ the pouch, ~~whose and wherein~~ upper laterally
~~orientated~~ oriented parts of the pouch ~~carry~~ have a fitting ~~(131)~~
for releasable connection to a respective fastener ~~(17)~~ on the
front side of the strap loops ~~(10)~~.

~~Claim 11.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] A The child harness according
to Claim 7, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the back piece is
flexible and includes a spring ~~(48)~~ ~~which strives~~ configured to
counteract a reduction in ~~the~~ a greatest distance between the
waist belt ~~(40)~~ and the fastener ~~means (11)~~ as defined by the
back piece.

12. (New) A child harness comprising:

a child carrying pouch positioned on a front side of
the harness so as to be supported on a chest side of a wearer;

a first and a second support strap each of which is
partially configured as a loop so as to pass separately around a
respective shoulder of the wearer; and

a slidably adjustable fastener that mutually fastens
the strap loops on a rear side of the harness,

each strap loop having on the rear side of the harness
a longitudinally extending thickened edge portion on mutually
adjacent edges of the loops, and

the fastener having along each of two opposite edges an undercut groove which slidably receives the respective edge thickened portion of the adjacent strap loops so as to enable the fastener to slide in a longitudinal direction along the strap loops and thereby provide size adjustment of the harness for various wearers.

13. (New) The child harness according to claim 12, wherein a lower substantially horizontally oriented portion of each of the straps is connected to each other to provide a waist belt.

14. (New) The child harness according to claim 13, further comprising a back piece that connects each end of the waist belt to the fastener.

15. (New) The child harness according to claim 14, wherein the back piece is configured to limit a distance that the fastener can slide upwardly away from the waist belt.

16. (New) A child harness comprising:

a child carrying pouch positioned on a front side of the harness so as to be supported on a chest side of a wearer;

a first and a second support strap each of which is partially configured as a loop so as to pass separately around a

respective shoulder of the wearer and partially configured as a connectable portion of a waist belt, each strap loop having on a rear side of the harness a longitudinally extending thickened edge portion on mutually adjacent edges of the loops;

a slidably adjustable fastener that mutually fastens the strap loops on the rear side of the harness, the fastener having along each of two opposite edges a groove which slidably receives the respective edge thickened portion of the adjacent strap loops so as to enable the fastener to slide in a longitudinal direction along the strap loops; and

a back piece located on a rear side of the harness that connects each end of the waist belt to the fastener.

17. (New) The child harness according to claim 16, wherein each of the strap loops and each portion of the waist belt is independently adjustable in length.

18. (New) The child harness according to claim 16, wherein the back piece has a spring that extends vertically between the fastener and a lower portion of the back piece and that is configured to bias the fastener toward an upper position away from the waist belt.

Amendments to the Abstract

Replace the abstract with the following replacement abstract:

A child harness ~~that includes~~ has two strap loops ~~(10)~~ which pass around respective shoulders of the wearer and which are mutually connected by ~~means (11) of~~ a fastener ~~means~~ on the rear side of the harness. The harness ~~also includes~~ has a child carrying pouch on the front side ~~of the harness~~, so as to be supported on the chest side of the wearer. The fastener ~~means (11) is designed to slide~~ slides readily along the strap loops ~~such as to take along the straps~~ assume a position that is controlled by the magnitude and the direction of the forces applied via the strap portions that connect with the fastener ~~means (11)~~. The harness ~~also includes~~ has a waist belt which connects with the fastener ~~means (11)~~ on the rear side of the harness ~~such~~ so as to limit the distance of ~~said the~~ fastener ~~means~~ from the waist belt. The back piece is generally triangular in shape, with the top of the triangle connected to the fastener ~~means (11)~~, ~~said back piece functioning~~ and functions to transfer load to the lower part of the wearer's back.

For the examiner's convenience, a clean text version of the replacement abstract (149 words) is presented below:

A child harness has two strap loops which pass around respective shoulders of the wearer and which are mutually connected by a fastener on the rear side of the harness. The harness has a child carrying pouch on the front side, so as to be supported on the chest side of the wearer. The fastener slides readily along the strap loops to assume a position that is controlled by the magnitude and the direction of the forces applied via the strap portions that connect with the fastener. The harness has a waist belt which connects with the fastener on the rear side of the harness so as to limit the distance of the fastener from the waist belt. The back piece is generally triangular in shape, with the top of the triangle connected to the fastener, and functions to transfer load to the lower part of the wearer's back.